

CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

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(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d))

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Attorney Docket No.
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VX002067

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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/484,424,
filed on 01/18/00, entitled APPARATUS FOR LOCKING BENDING MECHANISMS THAT...

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION. The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on November 21, 2002
under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4)
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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| CLAIMS | (1) FOR | (2) NUMBER FILED | (3) NUMBER EXTRA | (4) RATE | (5) CALCULATIONS |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c) or (j)) | 2 | -20* = | 0 | X \$18.00 = | \$ 0 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(b) or (i)) | 2 | -3** = | 0 | X \$84.00 = | 0 |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(d)) | | | | + \$270.00 = | - |
| | | | | BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16) | 740.00 |
| | | | | Total of above Calculations = | - |
| Reduction by 50% for filing by a small entity (Note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28). | | | | | - |
| * Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent ** Reissue independent claims over original patent. | | | | TOTAL = | \$ 740.00 |

6. ☐ Small Entity Status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0256.
- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 740.00 is enclosed.
9. ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
10. ☐ Applicant request suspension of action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
11. ☐ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired
[Prior application Attorney Docket Number will carryover to this CPA unless a new Attorney Docket Number has been provided herein.]
12. a. ☐ Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB/29A).
- b. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503).
13. ☐ Other: _____

NOTE: The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided below.

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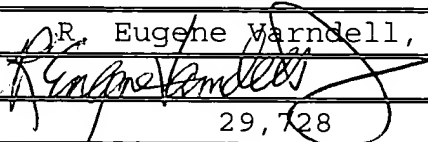
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